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SUBJECT:TRAVEL PLANS OF ALUMINIUM STUDY TOUR

1. LABATT JUNE 14 RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM HARRY HURRELL, NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE FEDERATED IRONWORKERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA (FIA). HURRELL SAID THAT AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ALCAN LIMITED, AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARY OF ALUMINUM COMPANY OF CANADA AND ALCOA, HAD AGREED TO SPONSOR STUDY TRIP INVOLVING TWO UNION MEMBERS AND TWO AUSTRALIAN MANAGEMENT MEMBERS TO VISIT ALUMINUM COMPANY PLANTS AT MONTREAL; SASKATCHEWAN; OSWEGO, NEW YORK; WARREN, ILLINOIS. THE NAMES OF THE FOUR MEMBERS ARE:

MAURICE FINNIGAN, SECRETARY OF THE NEWCASTLE BRANCH FIA; ROBERT REDMND, ORGANIZER, SYDNEY BRANCH FIA; REGINALD COLE, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER, ALCAN AUSTRALIA LTD., LEX THOMAS, PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR ALCAN DURRI SMELTER, NEW SOUTH WALES.

2. MR. LAURIE SHORT, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE FIA IS WIRING ABLE OF U.S. STEELWORKERS TODAY, ASKING ABLE'S ASSISTANCE TO STUDY TEAM BY ASSIGNING HIGH LEVEL TRADE UNION EXPERT IN NON-FERROUS
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INDUSTRIES TO ENSURE THAT AMERICAN TRADE UNION POINT

OF VIEW IS WELL REPRESENTED DURING DISCUSSIONS.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE TO DEPARTMENT, AT SHORT'S REQUEST, IS TO IDENTIFY UNION MEMBERS AS CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF SHORT WHO SHARE HIS VIEWS ON ALL MATTERS POLITICAL AS WELL INDUSTRIAL.

4. LABATT SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT ABLE'S OFFICE AND OFFER ASSISTANCE IF APPROPRIATE. LABATT CONCURS WITH SHORT'S DESIRE TO MAKE ATTITUDES OF HIS MEMBERS KNOWN TO ABLE'S UNION IN LIGHT OF COMPLEX POLITICAL STRUCTUE OF METAL TRADES UNION IN AUSTRALIA.
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